

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
May 9, 2012**

Present

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner
Robert Ladd, Commissioner
Steve LaBranche, Treasurer

Chairman Rage called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Beautification

Linda Gebhart expressed her thanks to the Winnacunnet science group who helped with garden clean-up. They also started flower seeds. Other volunteers have done weeding and mulch placing. Ms. Gebhart also thanked Richard Reniere who did some mowing. Water meters have come in and some sprinklers were replaced in Island Garden.

Ms. Gebhart made a request that signs not be placed on the Mile Long Bridge island. May 11th is National Public Gardens Day. The public has been invited to visit the pocket gardens at Hampton Beach. Ms. Gebhart reminded the Commissioners that the banners need to be put up.

Ms. Gebhart discussed the Gala to be held on June 1st and 2nd. The Hampton Arts Network is a co-sponsor of the Gala. There will be a tent and an art exhibit on June 2nd from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Historical Society will have videos, etc. Children's authors will be available to read to children. There will be a memory wall, a weaver, a jewelry maker and a woodworker. All activities are free. Ms. Gebhart said volunteers are needed to oversee the children's crafts.

Old Business

Chairman Rage said Glen French has been hired as the Activities Facilitator. The sponsorship position has not been filled and may be put off until next year.

New Business

Chairman Rage discussed his opposition to the proposed Hookah Lounge at Hampton Beach which has been approved by the Zoning Board. Chairman Rage explained that a Hookah Lounge is an establishment where tobacco and fruit products are smoked through pipes. This lounge will not serve food with the exception of small snacks. He explained that other businesses on the beach are 60% food and 40% liquor. This will be different. Chairman Rage said he would like to seek a rehearing.

Moved by Chairman Rage, seconded by Commissioner Ladd, to seek a rehearing on the proposed Hookah Lounge for Hampton Beach.

Vote: 3-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rage discussed the Gala to be held June 1st and 2nd. On Friday night there will be a ribbon cutting and the Governor and other dignitaries will be present. There will be bands, the art exhibit on Saturday and fireworks both nights. Many businesses are sponsors. The Village District put in \$10,000 towards events and the Chamber is sponsoring the fireworks.

Commissioner Buckley said there will be four people honored prior to the ribbon cutting. They are Terry Sullivan, Jimmy Kennedy, Reverend Windemiller and Jack Knox.

Chairman Rage said the fire station lease is up on June 1st. However, the District has an agreement with the Town for the new fire station and the same lease will continue as it is. Treasurer LaBranche added he has received payment from the Town of Hampton for the 2012 lease.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of April 11, 2012.

Vote: 3-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Gary Kubik, 22 C Street, said the old banners are in the garage and he has the new ones at his place. New hardware will have to be purchased.

Selectman Michael Pierce said the contract has been awarded to the architect for the fire station. Mr. Pierce complimented the Beautification Committee on their work at Bicentennial Park. Mr. Pierce said the Recycling Committee is in need of more members and asked for volunteers.

Selectman Rick Griffin suggested that the Commissioners check with the Town Attorney regarding the possibility of a rehearing on the hookah lounge.

Commissioner Buckley asked for volunteers for the Sand Sculpture event. John Kane said volunteers can sign up on hamptonbeach.org.

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Tim Jones, 16 Dustin Ave., asked about the Governor's reception. Chairman Rage said it will be limited to approximately 100 people. Mr. Jones said he was saddened that the

District gave \$10,000 just to have special access to the Governor. Chairman Rage said the District's monies go to all year round events. This is no different.

Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice